

ALPENA WEEKLY ARGUS.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19, 1871.

Send Him Over.

Our friend of the "Pioneer" acknowledges that he has not got the necessary amount to take that little bet of ours, but does not say that he could do so if he had the cash. We had supposed him to be a moneyed man, inasmuch as he has so much money at interest, and thought, of course, that it would be no trouble for him to raise that amount at any time. But if he does not feel disposed to accept the wager, he can send over that "leading Democrat," and we will give him a chance to lose all the money he wishes to stake "on that issue." Now don't be backward.

Vanderpool.

The third trial of George Vanderpool, for the murder of Herbert Field, at Manistee, two years since, has at last been brought to a close. The following, which we clip from the *Free Press*, gives the result of the trial:

HASTINGS, Sept. 13.

"The end has come at last. The jury, after having been duly charged by his Honor, the Judge, was given possession of the court room for their deliberations, everybody else being excluded. This was at about ten o'clock.

"At three o'clock the jury came to further instructions as to the difference between murder in the first degree, and murder in the second degree. Having been informed, they deliberated another hour, and at about four o'clock court was convened to hear the rendering of the verdict.

"They announced that they had agreed upon a verdict of 'not guilty.'

"When this result was announced, Vanderpool remained unmoved, but his wife went off in a fit of hysterics, lasting for some time. Of course there is great excitement here over the result, which is different from what even the most sanguine of Vanderpool's friends had expected."

Attempt at Bank Robbery.

While the cashier of the Peoples' Bank of Wheeling, W. Va., Tuesday was at dinner, two strangers entered the bank and pointed revolvers at the clerk's head and demanded the money. The clerk grasped a revolver and fired twice at the robbers, without effect. The robbers fired twice, and wounded the clerk slightly in the head. They fled without obtaining any booty. The police were in close pursuit.

Found Dead.

The dead body of a German named Charles Rittenger, traveling agent for a wholesale liquor house in Cincinnati, was found on the bank of White River, two miles below Indianapolis, on the 15th. He is supposed to have committed suicide, a gash in the neck and also in the arm made by a pen-knife leads to this conclusion. The body was taken to Indianapolis and afterwards forwarded to Cincinnati. He leaves a wife and family in the latter city.

Sad Affair.

A sad scene occurred at Montreal last Tuesday in the French Cathedral. A rich American lady, the widow of Dr. Connolly, who a short time ago, in New York, murdered his two children in a fit of insanity, and then committed suicide, became a raving maniac in the midst of the Church services. She suddenly shrieked in a frightful manner, and was with difficulty removed. Since her husband's tragic end Mrs. Connolly has shown frequent signs of mental aberration, of which this is the culmination.

Bank Done Out of \$2,500.

Some days ago a man went to Cincinnati pretending to be a Mr. Sherman, a grain dealer, from Chicago, about to enter business there. He rented a room in Pike's Opera House, furnished it handsomely, and deposited a check for eighteen thousand dollars with the Commercial National Bank for collection, saying he would transact all his business with that bank. Shortly after he applied for an advance of \$2,500 to meet an emergency. It was paid on his check. Subsequently it was discovered that the check was raised from a genuine check for \$100. Sherman has not yet been found.

An Attempt to Defraud the Indians.

A special from St. Paul says that in response to many complaints from Isanti county, about the depredations of Indians, Gov. Austin lately addressed Rev. P. M. Smith, Indian Agent, regarding the matter. The agent replies that settlers, mostly from Isanti county, have by fraudulent pre-emptive papers, seized upon land in the Mille Lac reservation. The Indian title to which has never been relinquished or extinguished, and by means of whisky and petty temptations have led the Indians to shieving

and depredations with a view to their removal by the United States authorities.

Pursuit of Mountain Bandits.

Deputy Sheriff Lincoln and posse from Santa Cruz, Cal., while searching for the gang of the notorious bandit Procopio, or "Red Dick," who shot Officer Liddell in the raid on Santa Cruz, Sunday week, discovered one of the gang, Thursday, concealed under the hay in a barn in Santa Cruz Mountain, near Vine Hill. A fight ensued, the Spaniard, who proved to be Pancho Barceinas, firing rapidly with a revolver, but a volley from the posse laid him dead. The party ascertained that Procopio, desperately wounded by Liddell in the fight Sunday, was within hearing when the fight began Thursday, but was hurried away in a buggy by comrades. Marceiso Radoguez, another of the gang, was arrested at Monterey the same day.

Storm on Lake Erie.

Another very severe storm took place on Lake Erie Saturday night and Sunday morning the 10th and 11th. The schooner Mary B. Hale left Cleveland for Buffalo with a cargo of coal on Saturday, and went on the bar at the mouth of Euclid Creek, twelve miles east of Cleveland.

On Sunday morning a tug with a lifeboat went to her assistance, and found the vessel sunk in twelve feet of water and her crew in communication with the shore. The barge Jacques Cartier, loaded with staves from Toledo, to Buffalo, was struck by the gale off Grand river, and became water logged. She reached Cleveland with the loss of her cabin and her deck load. The schooner Golden Rule is reported ashore near Dover Bay, but no particulars have been received.

Cotton Exchange.

The cotton factors of Cincinnati have long felt the need of an organization by which they could, through concerted action, bring the advantages which that city presents as a cotton market more prominently before the trade of the country, from the planter to the manufacturer, and on Wednesday last held a meeting, at which a constitution was adopted. At an adjourned meeting Friday, the organization was perfected, by the election of Mathew Addy, of Addy, Hull & Co., president, and Lester Taylor, of Taylor Bros., and M. Hirsburg, of J. A. Goodheart & Co., vice presidents; George Sharpless, of George Sharpless & Co., secretary, and Thomas McDonald, of Robert Moore & Co., treasurer. The officers appointed a committee to prepare by-laws of the Cincinnati Cotton Exchange. The association will soon be ready for business.

Tragedy at Springwells.

Further particulars of the affray at Springwells, Sunday night, in which a soldier lost his life, are to the following effect: The soldier, whose name was George Sutton, and who was a member of Company E First Infantry, had been drinking very much during the afternoon, and in the evening was exceedingly intoxicated. In this condition he rammed into Baumann's yard, when the latter ordered him out several times, when a clenched assault, as he stated. Baumann then got his gun and again ordered Sutton away, when, not being obeyed, he leveled the gun and sent no less than fifty-four large shot into the person of Sutton, the charge principally lodging in the region of the heart, many of them penetrating it. Baumann, as soon as he had done the deed, called upon a neighbor and told him what he had done, and then went to the Fort and delivered himself up.

Baumann, who cannot speak English, and is a laborer, insists that the act was in self-defence. Sutton was a single man, 23 years of age, not long in the service, and was from Lancashire, England. His comrades in arms give him the reputation of being a quiet and inoffensive man.—*Detroit Union*.

Another Boiler Horror.

The boiler in Curtis's hat factory at Newburyport, N. Y., exploded Monday week, killing five men outright. Several others were wounded and missing. The names of the killed are Charles Boyle, Michael Purcell, Reuben Mace, James L. Jackson (all of Newburyport), and George Etheridge, of Lawrence.

The firemen were overhauling the ruins, and searching for the missing. The boiler house was demolished. A neighboring building, occupied as a brass foundry, was badly shattered, about two-thirds of the wrecked boiler falling into it.

The body of Albert L. Page has been recovered from the ruins, making six dead. Charles Randall and Nathaniel Perkins are badly hurt, but it is thought not fatally. The explosion occurred just before work in the fac-

tory commenced, otherwise the destruction of life must have been greater. The main building was badly shattered.

Later.—Wm. Perkins, who was scalded by the explosion, has since died, making a total of seven deaths. C. W. Randall, injured, will probably recover. No additional casualties are reported. The building was damaged to the amount of \$5,000. A coroner's jury has been called.

Great Britain.

It is announced that in thirty-five collieries and iron mines in Monmouthshire, Wales, the workers will strike, unless a rise of ten per cent. in wages is accorded them.

The abcess with which Queen Victoria has been afflicted is opened. The fourth is now healing satisfactorily.

Professor Robert Bentley, publisher of *Temple Bar*, died on the 13th.

In the election for member of Parliament proceeding in Truro, the indications are that Mr. Hogg, Conservative, will beat Jenkins, the nominee of the Liberals.

The indication in the London market of the Paraguayan loan of one million pounds is imminent.

The strikers' league at Newcastle-on-Tyne, in favor of nine hours for a day's work has issued a manifesto expressing the hope that the fight will be continued until a complete victory is obtained over the employers. The manifesto promises that as long as the strike continues the men shall be provided for. Eight shillings per week will be paid each man and one shilling for each child engaged in the strike.

The American system of street railways has extended itself to the island of Java. A line has just been opened to public use in the city of Batavia.

A cotton exhibition is proposed to be held at Manchester in 1872.

The report that Vernor Harecourt intends to resign his seat in Parliament is false.

The people of Cardiff are intensely indignant that the American ship *Lorelet* has put into that port with cholera on board.

Nation of Fish Eaters.

The Hon. James Brooks writes from Japan that the national food is fish. There is not an ocean or river creature that the Japs do not eat, even sharks, and the uglier the more appetizing. And most of the fish sold are not dead fish, but living, jumping, wriggling fish. You buy an eel all squirming. The fish-market men bring their fish to market in water-tubs, and the fishermen keep a huge bamboo water fish tank on each side of the junks, into which they throw the creatures that they haul up, or in. So much is thought of the fish here, that on a certain festival day every family that has had a boy born during the year hangs out a great painted fish to boast of it. Mr. Brooks says: "I thought once, when on the Nile, that the Egyptians could turn sands into gardens, were the great farmers of the world; but the Egyptians could make no such farming gardens as these. Proud as I am of the arts, sciences and marvellous doings of my own country, I blush when I compare American farming to this! Here are the rich fields artificially created, luxuriant in beauty now, terraced from hill-side, up and down, and watered by the hill streams, or not watered, as husbandmen will. There are barley fields and bean fields of all sorts of Japan agricultural productions. Forests cap all the hill tops. Two crops are raised in Japan in one year, even on the rice fields, where the first crop is grain. The grain harvest is over in April or May. The rains come on in June and July, and now the new crops are up, and the whole country is one beautiful landscape of green."

War Among Fish.

The passengers on a recent trip of the Northfield from New York to Staten Island, were treated to a singular and exciting spectacle.

As the boat reached Quarantine Landing, a large school of porpoises were coming in with the flood tide. Instead of proceeding up the bay in an ordinary manner as they usually do, occasionally showing their backs and swallowing a mouthful of fresh air direct from West street and the Country Market, they were in a fearful state of commotion, and fairly foaming with rage. Many of them sprang high in the air, while others lashed the water furiously with their tails. Occasionally a pair would dart up, coming from opposite directions, and after striking together fiercely, fall back with a splash.

The fighting line extended for half a mile. The liveliest struggle took place directly facing an old man-of-war hulk moored off Quarantine. This hulk is to be used as a floating hospital in case of an influx of yellow fever or cholera patients.

Messrs. James E. Baker and Cor-

nelius Cole of Staten Island, in company with a *Sun* reporter, witnessed the battle from the deck of the Northfield. Messrs. Baker and Cole are experienced fishermen, and have been familiar with the sea from boyhood. They said that it was the first time they had seen a battle of the kind. The fight lasted for about ten minutes.

Mr. Baker said the school was an old one, as the fish would average six feet in length. At the close of the fight, the porpoises headed quietly up the bay, with their hog-like noses pointing directly for the Custom House dock.

Pirates of the Gulf.

Capt. Thurston, of the American bark *Brothers*, has arrived at Galveston on the bark *Harvest Home*. The Galveston correspondent of the *New Orleans Times* gives the following account of the attack on these vessels by the Mexicans off the coast of Minatitlan:

The vessels were loading at Minatitlan with mahogany and other freight for Europe. For some bad conduct Capt. Thurston had ironed one or two of his sailors, and their friends ashore hearing of it, made a demand for the prisoners. Capt. Thurston refused to give them up, saying he was fully able to control and take care of his own men. He was told that his life was in danger, and he must give up the men. This occurred on shore. The captain returned to his vessel and found Capt. Dickey of the *Harvest Home* on board, who was there on a friendly visit. Shortly afterward a party of Mexicans, eight or ten in number, came out from the shore, pulled alongside the *Brothers*, and got on board, professing all the time the greatest friendship. Their leader, Ramon Ripold, clerk for the consignee of Capt. Thurston's vessel, was the only one who spoke English. While seated around the captain, as if by a preconcerted plan, the Mexicans sprang to their feet and, with drawn revolvers and cutlasses, demanded the surrender of the ship. The captain shouted "Never!" at the same time making an effort to secure the arms of the nearest man, who was the clerk; the mate of the vessel, rushing forward with the captain's revolver, shot and killed Ripold.

By this time all hands had come on deck, and a hand-to-hand fight ensued. Eight of the attacking party were killed, and two made their escape. Capt. Thurston, knowing if he remained there he would be attacked by a superior force, made sail, slipped his anchor and tried to get to sea. There being no breeze he was forced to take to the small boats, not having time to secure even a drop of water or anything to eat.

In the mean time Capt. Dickey had returned to his ship. True to his anticipations, Capt. Thurston saw two boats come out from the shore and pull directly towards his vessel, as he supposed to board her. He put to sea out of their reach, and beat about until picked up by Capt. Dickey on the night of the 28th, having been nearly thirty hours without food or water.

On the night of the 27th a party some seventy or eighty strong came out from shore, and when within a short distance of Capt. Dickey opened fire on his vessel. This party was armed with rifles and a howitzer. The captain reserved his fire until the party were within three boats' lengths of his ship, and then let fly at them, and they retired immediately to the shore. A breeze springing up, Capt. Dickey got under way, steering for the nearest American port, which was Galveston. The wounded men of both vessels have been sent to the hospitals.

News Items.

The Indians in Arizona are again fomenting trouble. They demand payment for their goods in silver, which has not heretofore been the custom. The agent reports that those on the reservation are equally as quarrelsome as those residing elsewhere, and he has sent to the nearest military post for assistance.

When Troy, N. Y., was in its infancy they proposed christening it Vanderhayden, but better council prevailed. Since that time a careful statistician has learned that 2,200 barrels of ink and 453 years time has been saved in writing her name.

Miss Hicks, the young lady missing from Troy, and whose identity has been coupled with that of the drowned lady at Cold Spring, has not been heard of at her home since she left, two weeks ago.

The only patent granted to a Michigan inventor for the week ending September 5, was to Henry D. Page, of Morenci, for a rain-holder.

The men attached to O.'Brien's Circus and Menagerie, which was to have performed at Sawling, N. Y., on the 15th, created a riot. They robbed nearly every house in the village. One citizen was killed and several

wounded. The authorities telegraphed to Dover Plains for help.

Several additional suits have been filed against the North Missouri Railroad Company.

Allen O. Peck, President of the Narragansett Insurance Company, died at Providence, Rhode Island, Friday.

The Police Commissioners of Boston are serving liquor dealers printed notices to stop business or incur prosecution.

Peter D. Yeoman, a well known cattle dealer, of Buffalo, died Friday from the effects of a dose of corrosive sublimate taken by mistake.

The "oldest woman" was burned to death in Philadelphia, Thursday night. Her name was Hannah Roberts, a colored lady, aged nearly 130 years.

Ten thousand people visited the Cincinnati Industrial exposition Friday evening. President Grant is expected to visit the exposition this week.

The son of Rev. Mr. Yocum, of Cincinnati, fell from the fourth story window Friday morning, and was instantly killed. The boy was seven years old.

A Cincinnati grand jury on Friday reported thirty-one indictments against keepers of houses of ill-fame, and three against owners of houses used for that purpose.

Judge Pratt, of White Plains, N. Y., has granted a stay of proceedings in the case of the condemned murderer Buckhout, who was to have been executed on Friday.

The druggists of St. Louis gave the members of the Pharmaceutical Association a banquet at the Southern Hotel, St. Louis, Thursday. Some three hundred were present, and it passed off very pleasantly.

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